



# chailights



## OCTOBER 2024

### Rosh Chodesh Brunch



We missed you this summer and can't wait to see you for brunch!

Ladies, mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 13**. We will meet at [Granite City Brewery](#) (3809 Coldwater Road) at **9 am** (please note that this is a location change since our last bulletin).

Food and drinks are on your own but having fun, making new friends, meeting Michael and Kate Theise, and catching up with cherished friends will be shared by all!

Please RSVP to [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org) or call (260) 456 - 0400.

This event is open to all Jewish women in our area.

We can't wait to see you!

# REMEMBERING OCTOBER 7

## Monday, October 7

7 p.m. | Rifkin Campus, 5200 Old Mill Rd.



### REMEMBERING OCTOBER 7 WITH EVENING OF UNITY AND COMMUNITY

As we mark the anniversary of the horrific attack on Israel by Hamas and pray for the return of the remaining hostages, we'll gather on Monday, October 7 at 7 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus to join in solidarity with the people of Israel and Jewish communities around the world.

Please join us for this evening of unity and community, sponsored by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) and [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#).



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FOR ISRAEL



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**P2G Western Galilee**

**Invites You to a Special Zoom Event**

## For the October 7th Commemoration



One Partnership • One Heart

## Sunday, October 27th

**11:30AM ET / 10:30AM CT / 18:30 Israel / 17:30 BU**

## RSVP

### Event Itinerary

- Opening and Yizkor - by our P2G Co-Chairs
- Communities Candle Lighting Slideshow
- Speakers' Panel from the Western Galilee that were affected by October 7th attack, facilitated by writer and journalist, *Diana Bletter*:
  - *Liat Atzili* - was kidnapped from Nir Oz and released. Her husband's body is still held in Gaza.
  - *Dubi Ganor* - his son was mortally wounded on October 7th, and is gradually recovering with the help of his family and his community.
  - *Omri Dagan* - a bereaved twin brother to Shalev Z'I who was killed on October 7th.
  - *David Vaknin* - an evacuated businessman from Liman in the WG, was called up for reserves and have been deployed to the war in the north since then.
- A moving video clip by the Matte Asher Community Center choir and dance company
- HaTikva



## RSVP

**Our mission is to support the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in greater Fort Wayne, in Israel, and throughout the world.**

## MICHAEL THEISE - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



On Wednesday, April 10th, the search committee for the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne reached out to introduce themselves to me. I was immediately impressed with each member's sincerity, spirit, commitment, and warm nature. Three days later, on Saturday, April 13th, Iran bombed Israel, and the world was again horrified. My family and I were in Caldwell, New Jersey at the time. That Friday evening, I watched a surprisingly large number of people walk to several different synagogues for Shabbat services. I was proud to see these large groups of individuals and families making their way, often crossing paths with one another, on their way to shul. It was wonderful to see what appeared to be a prosperous and growing Jewish community. That evening, my family, including my cousin's relatives from Israel, gathered and waited together in a hotel room, in a state of disbelief as missiles were progressing toward Israel

and her people.

April 13th served to remind me of both our challenges and also what a Jewish community can achieve together.

The possibility of joining the Federation that has such deep traditions and rich history had me hoping that I would be blessed with a role in the Fort Wayne community so that I could have the opportunity of making a difference both locally and globally.

My wife, Kate, and I have received such a warm welcome from everyone, which we appreciate so very much. The community should take special pride in the tremendous welcome, support, and guidance that Jaki and Bonnie, along with the search committee, have provided during this transition. Everyone has gone above and beyond my expectations to ensure Federation's continuity and future success.

Observing the wonderful efforts of so many at the People of the Book event, which also was my first day as your new Executive Director, served to reinforce the wonderful decision we made in joining the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and its community.

Kate and I look forward to settling in and getting to meet all of you very soon! We wish our new Fort Wayne family a healthy and special New Year and holiday season, filled with blessings.



May you be signed and sealed in the Book of Life.

L' Shana Tovah – Happy New Year from the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Board of Directors and Staff

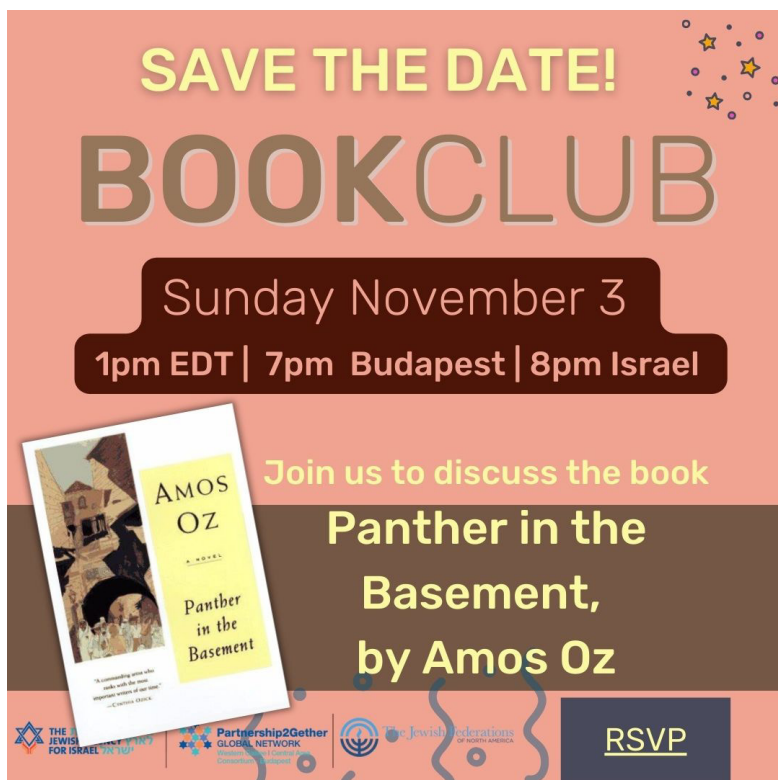
Our office will be closed  
October 3, 14, 17 and 24

## Your Direct Connection to Israel

[Partnership2Gether \(P2G\)](#) is a program of the [Jewish Agency](#) and the [Jewish Federations of North America](#). The vision of P2G is to build a global and united Jewish people made up of a tapestry of strong, lively, flourishing and interconnected Jewish individuals, families and communities working together to enrich Jewish continuity, identity and cultural understanding between Jews in Israel and their peers around the world. [Read more here.](#)

## From Our Friends at [Partnership2Gether](#)!

Along with 13 other U.S. cities and Budapest, Hungary, our Federation belongs to the Central Area Consortium, partnered with the Western Galilee area of Israel. Our members have benefited from programs we've offered with guests who've come from the Western Galilee to Fort Wayne, as well as opportunities to travel in our Partnership area. We are excited to share with you a diverse list of a la carte programs from our [Partnership2Gether](#). We invite you to sign up for the programs that spark your interest! These programs are a great way to engage with Jewish communities throughout our [Partnership2Gether](#) Consortium without needing to leave your home.



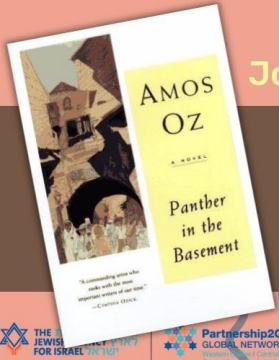
**SAVE THE DATE!**

# BOOKCLUB

**Sunday November 3**

**1pm EDT | 7pm Budapest | 8pm Israel**

Join us to discuss the book  
**Panther in the Basement,**  
by Amos Oz



**RSVP**

Logos for The Jewish Agency for Israel, Partnership2Gether, and Jewish Federations of North America are at the bottom.

### Book Club

#### Time & Location

Nov. 03, 2024, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST  
Zoom

#### About the Event

Join us as we unravel the intricacies of “Panther in the Basement” and share our insights. Whether you’re a seasoned reader or new to Amos Oz’s work, your perspectives are valued!

Invite your family and friends.

[RSVP](#)



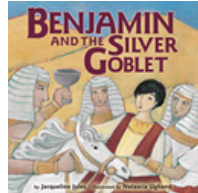
What are we talking about this month:

## Books That Help Children Understand Forgiveness

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, also known as [the High Holidays](#), are right around the corner. One of the themes of the High Holidays is forgiveness – of others and of one's self. From the beginning to the end of the holidays, people are encouraged to think about affecting positive change as individuals and as a community by making amends with others.

The stories listed below help children learn and understand the concept of forgiveness. We've also included two suggestions from [PJ Our Way](#) for older readers and children ready for chapter books and heavier topics.

[Benjamin and the Silver Goblet](#) by Jacqueline Jules

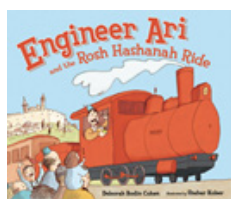


Recommended for ages 6-7

When drought envelopes Canaan, Jacob sends his sons to Egypt, where they unexpectedly encounter Joseph, the brother they sold into slavery years

earlier. How will Joseph react, now that he has power and authority?

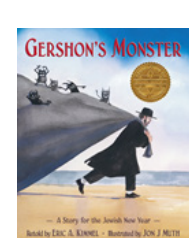
[Engineer Ari and the Rosh Hashanah Ride](#) by Deborah Bodin Cohen



Recommended for ages 4-5

Israel's first train chugs from Jaffa to Jerusalem just in time for Rosh Hashanah, taking treats to children for a sweet

new year and seeing sights all along the way.



[Gershon's Monster](#) by Eric Kimmel

Recommended for ages 6-7

Instead of dealing with his mistakes, Gershon the baker sweeps them into the cellar. In this retelling of a Hasidic legend, Gershon eventually

discovers a better way of living.

[Happy New Year, Beni](#) by Jane Zalben

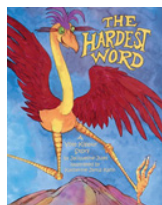


Recommended for ages 3-4

Beni loves getting together with family on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year – if only it weren't for his mischievous cousin,

Max. Max is making trouble for everyone! But Grandpa has a few words of wisdom about starting off the New Year right.

[The Hardest Word](#) by Jacqueline Jules



Recommended for ages 5-6

The Ziz, a clumsy and big-hearted bird, asks God for advice after accidentally destroying a vegetable garden. From this, Ziz learns the importance of an apology.

[New Year at the Pier](#) by April Halprin Wayland



Recommended for ages 6-7

In this contemporary story, Izzy finds it difficult to apologize for a certain mistake, until the Rosh Hashanah tashlich service gives him new understanding.

[Oh No, Jonah!](#) by Tilda Balsley

Recommended for ages 8+

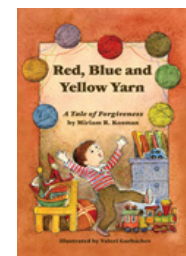
The story of Jonah and the big fish never



fails to capture imaginations – or prod listeners to think about responsibility and community, which is why it's a great Yom Kippur read.

[Red, Blue and Yellow Yarn: A Tale of Forgiveness](#) by Miriam Kosman

Recommended for ages 4-5



Danny's grandmother is very prim and proper – and Danny is neither. He thinks that she doesn't like him. But when Danny makes a big mistake, Bubbie surprises him – and shows him the love and forgiveness that is passed down generation after generation.

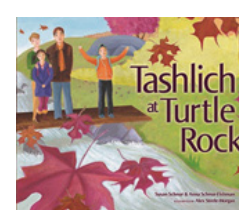
[Sam & Charlie \(and Sam Too\)](#) by Leslie Kimmelman

Recommended for ages 5-6



New neighbors have moved in next door to Sam – two girls named Charlie and Sam (too!). As the three of them become friends, they share jokes, Jewish holidays, and even misunderstandings – and soon learn what it means to “love your neighbor as yourself.”

[Tashlich at Turtle Rock](#) by Susan Schnur



Recommended for ages 7-8

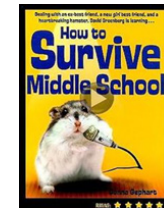
On Rosh Hashanah, many families participate in tashlich, a tradition of throwing bread crumbs into water to wash away the mistakes of the past

year. But this family has their own spin on tashlich – and it takes place at Turtle Rock.

### Suggestions for Older Readers (ages 9+)

[How to Survive Middle School](#) by Donna Gephart

Recommended for ages 10+

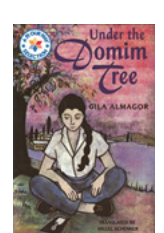


David Greenberg's big dream is to become a TV host like Jon Stewart, and he's well on his way: home videos that he has posted on YouTube featuring his cute hamster and acne-plagued older sister have become an internet

sensation. But as his online popularity soars, his real life gets increasingly worse: he is picked on by the school bully; he fights with his best friend; and he misses his mom, who has left the family to resolve her own issues. How to Survive Middle School is a sweet coming-of-age book about friendship, family, and following one's dreams.

[Under the Domim Tree](#) by Gila Almagor

Recommended for ages 11+



This book is a special selection for Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day). Can you imagine living in a youth village, with no parents telling you what to do all the time? Aviya, Yola, and Mira do, but it's not as easy as you might think... This is a powerful and emotional story about three girls who

live together after World War II. It is a story of hope and friendship and the power of forgiveness.

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# PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

New York Times and USAToday bestselling author Marie Benedict was the 42nd speaker for the People of the Book program hosted by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. She spoke to a near-capacity crowd on Monday evening, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Rifkin Campus. Marie Benedict is the author of eight works of historical fiction, *The Only Woman in the Room*, *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*, *Carnegie's Maid*, *The Other Einstein*, *Lady Clementine*, *Agent 355*, *Her Hidden Genius*, *The Mitford Affair*, and, with Victoria Christopher Murray, the Instant New York Times Bestseller and GoodMorning America Book Club pick, *The Personal Librarian*.

Ms. Benedict concluded her speech with a question-and-answer session and a book signing.

In the spirit of the People of the Book program, we were able to send a check to support the Allen County Public Library's partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

The People of the Book program is extremely grateful for the generosity of the Dr. Louis A. and Anne B. Schneider Foundation, which supports this event. This wonderful funding allows the program to be offered at no cost to attend.

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne is very appreciative of the members of the People of the Book Committee, Federation board members and Temple staff for their valuable time and effort in making this outstanding event possible.



Federation President Ben Eisbart  
welcoming our guests



Board member Rhonda Gerson-Hurwitz  
introducing Marie Benedict



Marie Benedict



Marie Benedict



Community members



Reception



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Audience



# High Holy Days

2024/5785



Join us at Congregation Achduth for services

## Selichot Service – Saturday, September 28

7:45 p.m. Begin the holiday season together with Havdalah and meditative prayer and readings.

## Erev Rosh Hashanah Service – Wednesday, October 2

7:30 p.m. **All-Congregation service**  
Reception follows

## Rosh Hashanah – First Day – Thursday, October 3

### **Conservative Services**

8:30 a.m. – Shacharit  
10 a.m. Torah service with D'var Torah  
11 a.m. Musaf

### **10 a.m. – Reform Service**

**Noon – All-Congregation Tashlich** at [Foster Park West, Winchester Road](#)

## Rosh Hashanah, Second Day – Friday, October 4

### **Conservative Services**

8:30 a.m. – Shacharit  
10 a.m. Torah service with D'var Torah  
11 a.m. Musaf

## Shabbat Shuvah Services

Friday, October 4  
7:15 p.m. Memorial Plaque Dedication  
7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

### Saturday, October 5

9:45 a.m.

## Cemetery Services –

Sunday, October 6

1 p.m. at

[Lindenwood Cemetery](#)

2:30 p.m. at

[Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery](#)

## Erev Yom Kippur Services – Friday, October 11

7:15 p.m. **Mincha** (Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel)

8 p.m. **All Congregation Kol Nidre** (Sanctuary)

## Yom Kippur Services – Saturday, October 12

### **Conservative Services**

8:30 a.m. Shacharit Service  
10 a.m. – Torah, Haftarah, D'var Torah, Yizkor

11:30 a.m. Musaf

6 p.m. Mincha

7 p.m. – Neilah

8:23 p.m. – Havdalah

Break-the-Fast follows

### **Reform Services**

10 a.m. Morning Service

4 p.m. – Yizkor (Memorial) Service

5 p.m. – Neilah (Concluding) Service

Break-the-Fast follows

## Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat and Sukkot Service for Young Families – Friday, October 18

5:30 p.m. – with guest musician [Joanie`Calem](#)

## Shabbat & Sukkot Service – Friday, October 18

7:30 p.m., followed by a Nosh in the Sukkah

**Shabbat & Sukkot Service** – Saturday, October 19, 9:45 a.m.

## Shabbat & Simchat Torah Service –

Friday, October 25, 7:30 p.m.

# ShanaTova





## 22<sup>nd</sup> CORNED BEEF ON RYE – SURE TO SATISFY SALE COMING IN NOVEMBER

Get ready to savor delicious delicatessen when the Temple's [Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser](#) returns on Thursday, November 7 for a 22<sup>nd</sup> year.

**What's new this year?** The biggest change is that we will not have drive-thru pick up of orders. Simply park in our spacious lot and walk up to the building, where multiple pick-up stations will be set up for your convenience. In addition, customers who pre-order meals will be able to take advantage of special early bird pick up beginning at 10 a.m., an hour before our regular 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. hours.

Boxed meals are \$18 each when ordered by Friday, October 25. After that date and at the door, meals are \$21 each. Meals include a heaping 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, giant pickle, creamy coleslaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink.

[Order online](#) or [download an order form](#) at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org).

Additional pounds of bulk corned beef are for sale for \$20 per pound. Delivery service is available when you order 12 meals or more by Friday, October 25 for \$15 per address.

**Become a sponsor!** Four sponsorship levels are available for donations made by Friday, October 25. [Make your sponsorship donation online](#)

[Volunteers are needed](#) on Wednesday, November 6 for Prep Night from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, November 7, with shifts beginning at 7 a.m. Contact the Temple at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or (260) 744-4245 to say you'll help.

## TWO TRADITIONS COME TOGETHER AS ONE DURING EVENING HOLIDAY SERVICES

Please join us at the Temple when we welcome the [New Year 5785](#) as a community, with both Reform and Conservative *minyanim* worshipping together as one congregation on [Erev Rosh Hashanah](#) on Wednesday, October 2 and on [Kol Nidre](#) on Friday, October 11.

[Rabbi Meir Barger](#) will lead the services, weaving together aspects of both liturgical traditions to inspire new insights during this time of reflection, forgiveness, and renewal. He'll be joined by [Hazzan Penny Myers](#), who will lead Conservative worship on the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah and the Day of Atonement. [Find the full schedule](#)

[Maestro Robert Nance](#) will join us throughout the holidays for evening and Reform services. Our annual [New Year's Reception](#) will provide an opportunity to share good wishes and enjoy a delicious nosh.

New this year is a [Yom Kippur afternoon healing service](#), providing a time to come together in sacred community to offer healing, comfort and support.

The ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will host [Break-the-Fast meals](#) after both concluding services on Yom Kippur. Plan to join us in person or [via livestream](#) throughout the Days of Awe. We warmly welcome guests.

## JOIN US FOR BREAK THE FAST HOSTED BY THE ROMEOS

The ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) are preparing a delicious [break-the-fast meal](#) following both Reform and Conservative services on Saturday, October 12 at the Temple. Everyone is invited for tuna salad, egg salad, bagel, lox, herring in wine sauce, herring in sour cream, blintzes, fresh fruit and other delicacies.

[Please make a reservation online](#) at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org) or contact us at (260) 744-4245 by Tuesday, October 8 so that we can prepare enough food and seating. Thanks to the generosity of the ROMEOS, there is no charge. However, cash donations gladly will be accepted to help offset the costs. Thank you to Denny Reynolds for organizing and the ROMEOS for hosting!

## REMEMBERING LOVED ONES AT CEMETERY SERVICES

Memorial services will be held Sunday, October 6 at 1 p.m. at [Lindenwood Cemetery](#) and 2:30 p.m. at [Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery](#). Join Rabbi Meir for the traditional *El Maleh Rachamim* and *Kaddish* prayers, along with the appropriate psalms, poetry and prayers.

## A MUSICAL SUKKOT SERVICE & PIZZA DINNER FOR FAMILIES

Families with kids of all ages are invited to join us for [an outdoor Sukkot and Shabbat celebration](#) on Friday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m. with singer-songwriter [Joanie Calem](#).

Shake the lulav, light Shabbat candles, listen to stories in the sukkah, make holiday decorations, and enjoy Pizza in the Hut.

Pizza will be provided, but please [RSVP online](#) or contact the office at (260) 744-4245 by Sunday, October 13 so we know how much to order. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Contact Kate Crell at [eisenka@gmail.com](mailto:eisenka@gmail.com) with any questions.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of Joanie's visit. Thank you to our Joy Vey and Holiday Celebration teams, including Wendy Soltz, Stephanie Gottesman, Kate Crell, Deborah Bauer.

## THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS BAG ASSEMBLY TEAM MEETS OCTOBER 9

Join the Jewish Community's Thoughtful Thursdays team on Wednesday, October 9 at 10 a.m. when we assemble bags of food and household items for the 51 Brightpoint Head Start families who attend class in our building.

Contact Chair Cheryl Schorey at [cheryl\\_schorey@yahoo.com](mailto:cheryl_schorey@yahoo.com) to learn more. Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).

## HELP PURCHASE APPLES FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS FAMILIES

Help supply a bag of fresh apples for the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple through the 14th annual [Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project](#).

Many of these students rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits or vegetables. Thoughtful Thursdays provides fresh apples to Brightpoint students purchased from a local orchard.

This mitzvah is a way to combat hunger in our local community! A tree will be on display at the Rifkin Campus with decorated paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$18 or more for the apple project. Pictures of the tree will be posted on [the Temple's Facebook page](#) as it grows. We hope to see your name on it soon!

[Donate online](#) by Friday, October 18 at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org). Indicate the amount of your donation, designate project Assist/Thoughtful Thursdays, and indicate the name you would like to appear on the apple for the tree. You may also mail checks made payable to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for "Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project." Thank you!



## 45TH IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA | AUGUST 10-14, 2025

*And We Settled Here...The Jewish Journey*



### LOOKING AHEAD TO GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

Several members of the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society attended the 44<sup>th</sup> IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Philadelphia in August. They were there not only to learn, but to promote next year's conference happening in Fort Wayne, August 10-14, 2025! Bethany Sutherland, from Visit Fort Wayne, and Curt Witcher, from the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, traveled to Philadelphia to help promote the conference.

Thus began a year of planning, marketing and fundraising for this major event in our Jewish community's history. Approximately 900 people attended the 2024 conference, and we hope to draw a similar number to our area next summer.

**Publicity.** The website for the conference – [www.iajgs2025.org](http://www.iajgs2025.org) - is now online with lots of information and four promotional videos that highlight Fort Wayne and the Genealogy Center. A virtual informational event is planned for Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 which will include information about the Genealogy Center and Fort Wayne, and allow for lots of Q&A. And the IAJGS 2025 Conference Discussion group on Facebook is up and running, fielding questions about the conference. Thanks to Betsy Gephart and Pam Friedman for their work in this area.

**Fundraising.** Irv Adler has been hard at work raising funds for the conference, with the help of Irene Walters. Thanks to several large donors, \$60,000 has been raised toward a goal of \$100,000. Larger donors include the Leona Z. Rosenberg Charitable Trust, NEIJGS board members, the Goldenberg Charitable trust, NEIJGS member Jody Tzucker, and a grant from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation. Those interested in contributing to this effort can contact Irv at [irv@adlerfw.com](mailto:irv@adlerfw.com).

**Volunteers and Hospitality.** Fran Adler and Elizabeth Hodges from the Genealogy Center are heading up our volunteer effort, collecting names of those interested in helping out. If you are interested, contact Fran at [fran@adlerfw.com](mailto:fran@adlerfw.com). Beth and Dan Zweig will be working on hospitality for the conference and are already working with Visit Fort Wayne.

**Upcoming Program.** In addition to the November 10<sup>th</sup> Conference program, the NEIJGS will be hosting genealogist Sarina Roffe for two programs at the Genealogy Center on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. She will begin at 2:00 with "Sephardic Pirates of the Caribbean," and continue at 3:30 with "Sephardim in Colonial America." More information will follow in next month's bulletin.





# WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY

## Lion of Judah



### History and usage

The Biblical Judah (in Hebrew: Yehuda) is the original name of the Tribe of Judah which is traditionally symbolized by a lion. In Genesis, the patriarch Jacob ("Israel") gave that symbol to his tribe when he referred to his son Judah as a Gur Aryeh, a "Young Lion" (Genesis 49:9) when blessing him. In Jewish naming tradition, the Hebrew name and the substitute name are often combined as a pair, as in this case. The Lion of Judah was used as a Jewish symbol for many years, and as Jerusalem was the capital of the Kingdom of Judah, in 1950 it was included in the Emblem of Jerusalem.

### Who They Are:

Dynamic philanthropic Jewish woman who create social justice, aid the vulnerable, preserve human dignity and build Jewish identity. 17,500 women around the world are proud Lions of Judah, donating at least \$5,000.00 to Federation every year.

## Pomegranate Pin

An ancient symbol found carved into the lintels of the earliest synagogues, the pomegranate has carried with it the concepts of Judaism for generations.

The Pomegranate pin was introduced as a way to inspire giving from women of all stations. Three decades after its inception, more than 7,000 pins have been distributed across North America.



It represents the best of what Federation does – bringing together like-minded donors to do a world of good.

To qualify, women must donate \$1,800.00 or more to the Federation's Annual Campaign.

## Where can you get challah, Kosher or Vegan items in Fort Wayne?

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[260-489-8686](tel:2604898686)

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## WE ARE HERE TO HELP



We are very fortunate to have a social worker who is able and willing to assist any member of the Fort Wayne Jewish community in need of services.

She works for us as a volunteer on an as-needed basis.

If you become aware of someone in the Jewish community who may need assistance at some point, please let us know. Obviously, this would be kept in the strictest of confidence. Contact us at (260) 456 - 0400 or [office@fwj.org](mailto:office@fwj.org).



### Help is Available

We know that during these trying times, we can all use a little help once in a while. For those in need, we do offer food vouchers and gas cards. Please call the [Federation](#) office at (260) 456 - 0400. All calls are confidential.

We are also accepting donations of gas cards. If you would like to make a donation, please send in a check with "gas card" in the memo or call the office.



Do you have a car, truck, van, SUV, boat, motorcycle, ATV, RV, trailer or airplane that you no longer need or use?

Donating them has never been easier! Simply choose [CARS](#) and their trained staff will guide you through the donation process.



This Fund was set up to offer an interest-free loan up to \$2,000 to members of the Jewish community who are undergoing financial hardships. Please call the Federation office at (260) 456-0400 to speak to someone confidentially.

### We are here to help!



Wellspring provides essential necessities of clothing, food, and personal hygiene items. In addition, Wellspring offers after-school and summer programs for youth, as well as programming for older and disabled adults. Call today at 260-422-6618 or visit our website [www.wellspringinterfaith.org](http://www.wellspringinterfaith.org) to learn more. All services are free of charge and no referral or voucher is needed. We are here to serve all who need our help.

## FUNDS AND DONATIONS

# JEWISH FEDERATION FUNDS

## ENDOWMENT

- **Audrey and Joe Gerson Free Loan Fund**
- **Baum/Goldenberg Scholarship**
- **Emergency Cash Assistance Fund**
- **Holocaust Education Fund**
- **Jewish Experience Fund**
- **JNF - Plant a tree in Israel**
- **Prejudice Reduction Elimination Fund**
- **Community Relations Committee (CRC):**  
*To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.*
- **Goldenberg Camp Joe Fund:**  
*Every year we get a number of requests for assistance with the registration for our three-week Camp Joe Levine Day Camp.*



- **Janet Finkel Campership Fund:**  
*In April 2008, Audrey Gerson established the Janet Finkel Campership Fund in honor of Janet Finkel. This fund makes it possible to help youngsters go to a Jewish Camp or to a Music Camp.*
- **PJ Library:**  
*Supports reading anytime of the day, but we know that many families sit down to read books at bedtime, in their pajamas. PJ Library books can be enjoyed any time you want a good story.*
- **The Martha Rothenberg Replane Theater & Creative Arts Fund:**  
*This fund was created in memory of Martha Rothenberg Replane to honor her memory and her love for theater and creative arts. The fund will be used to encourage theater and creative arts presentations and knowledge in our community.*

## DONATIONS

WE MAKE  
A LIVING  
BY WHAT WE GET,  
BUT WE MAKE  
A LIFE BY  
WHAT WE GIVE.

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### General Operations

- A donation was received from **Larry Mastbaum** in honor of **Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum**
- A donation was received from **Juan Suarez**

### JNF - Plant a tree in Israel

- A donation was received from **Juan Suarez**
- A donation was received from **Janet Finkel** in memory of **Dr. Archie Markovitz**

every contribution is  
hugely valued

thank  
you!

## Online Donations Accepted!

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) now accepts [online donations](#). You may contribute to our General Fund, or select a specific fund that you want to support. In addition, you may elect to have a donation made in Honor of or In Memory of an individual, and a card will be sent letting them or their families know the donation has been made.

It's secure, fast, and easy to support the work the Federation does to support the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in greater Fort Wayne, in Israel, and throughout the world.

Thank you for your support. It is sincerely appreciated!



Scan QR code to donate



**R.O.M.E.O.s**  
(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

**September 5 – 800 Degrees Wood Fired Pizza**  
10020 Lima Road

**September 19 – Taj Mahal**  
6410 W. Jefferson Boulevard

**October 3 – No lunch - Rosh Hashanah**

**October 17 – CASA Ristorante**  
7545 W. Jefferson Boulevard

Anyone interested in joining the ROMEOS for lunch can  
contact Denny Reynolds at 260-637-0507  
or [dennisreynolds@me.com](mailto:dennisreynolds@me.com)

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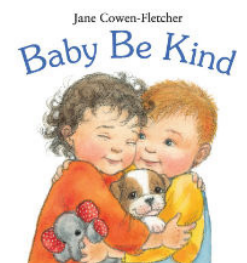
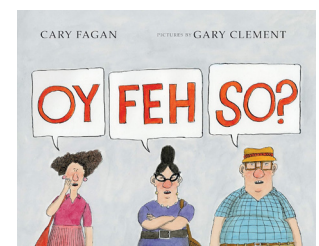
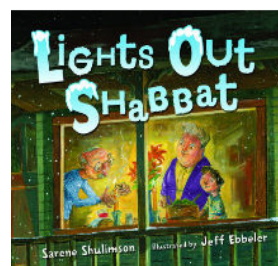
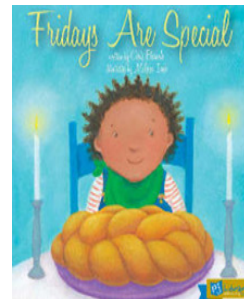
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**Which books did you receive this month?**

A program of the [Harold Grinspoon Foundation](http://HaroldGrinspoonFoundation.org), PJ Library is made possible through partnerships with philanthropists and local Jewish organizations. Families with kids ages 6 months through 8 years old with Judaism as part of their lives are welcome to sign up.



[PJ Our Way](http://PJOurWay.org) is for kids ages 9-11. It is kid-driven - they choose their own books, creating a totally tailored experience based on their own interests and reading level. To make the choice easier, our website includes summaries and author bios, along with ratings, reviews, and video trailers created by members themselves. Kids can also take polls and quizzes, participate in monthly interviews and challenges, post their own reviews, and comment on blog posts.

